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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the town of Hinsdale submit the following Report relative to the financial affairs of said town commencing March 1, 1882, and ending March 1, 1883:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in the treasury March 1, 1882,	\$3,803 25	
Savings Bank tax,	1,268 09	
Railroad tax,	22 79	
Literary fund money,	196 88	
Support of County paupers, April term,	\$139 04	
“ “ “ October term,	148 67	287 71
C. A. Holland, janitor, rents of town hall,	229 00	
“ “ license for shows,	30 00	259 00
G. S. Howe, store rent,	225 00	
Leonard & Henry, store rent,	65 00	
Savings bank, rent,	30 00	
L. F. Cooper, store rent,	43 75	
Lane & Angell, “	31 25	
L. H. Knapp, “	60 00	455 00
R. F. Smith, rents on old town hall,	75 00	
C. Fitzgerald, old engine hose,	51 60	
A. S. Martin, license for billiard table,	10 00	
Library, for catalogues and fines,	13 45	
Committed to Geo. P. Wellington for collection,	15,773 00	
Interest on taxes,	61 50	
		\$22,277 27

EXPENDITURES.

ORDINARY TOWN CHARGES.

State tax,	\$1,920 00
Co. "	1,403 24
Interest on town bonds, 1882,	1,200 00
Batchelder & Faulkner, defending Long suit,	264 00
C. C. Conant, Greenfield, " "	118 50
Dr. Dean, " witness, "	60 00
Dr. Twitchell, Keene, " "	30 00
Dr. Bridgman, " " "	30 00
Dr. Leach, " " "	30 00
Witnesses out the State over and above lawful fees,	
Long suit,	30 80
Geo. P. Wellington as agent, fees, Long suit,	47 10
D. W. Stearns, " "	30 20
Batchelder & Faulkner, Horton vs. Vaille, jr.,	5 00
O. H. Higgins, repairing hearse,	50 00
Dr. M. C. Dix, certificates of births and deaths,	4 50
Dr. H. R. Smith, " " "	50
W. S. Leonard, " " "	5 25
N. H. Sentinel, printing town reports, 1882,	36 00
C. P. Hill, decoration,	90 00
W. H. Spalter, books,	3 75
Charles E. Davis, overtax on Seth Stebbins' island,	7 99
H. S. Hathorn, repairing roof on town hall,	6 75
A. E. Akely, sawing wood, "	1 25
Hinsdale Savings Bank fund, 1881,	1,046 05
C. Frary, highway tax,	1 17
G. W. Holland, paints old town hall,	8 73
Sophia A. Sargeant, highway tax,	7 18
Henry Barrett, watering trough,	3 00
D. W. Stearns, " "	3 00
H. B. Streeter, " "	3 00
S. T. Crowninshield, watering trough	3 00

L. F. Liscom, error in footing am't of valuation, \$100,	\$1 65
W. E. Perry, painting in old town hall,	7 80
H. S. Hathorn, cutting ice on town hall,	8 00
L. H. Knapp, wood, town hall,	6 00
" Ladder, shutter rod and cupboard, town hall,	3 25
" Glass and setting, in basement "	4 00
Government tax on savings bank deposits,	6 85
Geo. P. Wellington, settling with Co. Commissioners	
April term, 1882,	3 00
L. C. Lyman, repairing scraper, 1881,	2 70
" " " " 1882.	1 85
P. W. Taylor, rent of lock-up,	3 00
A. Gilbert, cleaning chimney town hall,	1 25
C. A. Mason, wood, "	20 73
Batchelder & Faulkner, retaining fee,	6 00
J. B. Mitchell, bill, town hall,	28
C. S. Farr, for standard weights,	16 00
Holman & M., repairing picks, bars and scraper,	7 00
" " chandelier, town hall,	9 00
O. H. Higgins, attendance with hearse,	21 00
L. A. Lamson, padlock for hearse house,	75
C. A. Holland, care of town hall,	85 00
Bell S. Thomas, highway tax,	2 25
Savings bank fund,	1,268 09
G. W. Holland, oil for town hall,	24 69
" school books,	2 35
" nails,	4 48
P. W. Taylor, ex. in prosecution in liquor cases,	2 30
E. P. Dole, " " " "	2 40
Witness fees, " " "	6 93
F. J. Barber, bill, " " "	16 96
L. A. Parks, abatements taxes, 1881,	6 81
Bounty on 48 crows,	4 80
Stebbins & Horton, glass and water strips,	2 33
Discount on taxes,	457 52

PAID SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS, INDIVIDUALS AND BUILDING.

C. S. Fay, high school,	\$1,500 00
District No. 1, S. T. Yeaw,	191 93
“ 2, John W. Thomas,	87 27
“ 3, C. A. Mason,	107 97
“ 4, 5 and 8, united, C. S. Fay,	1,652 09
“ 7, Nelson Richardson,	85 54
“ 9, Geo. P. Slate,	186 09
Geo. H. Crowninshield, his school money,	4 00
Hosea M. Butler, “ “	4 00
Union Dist. No. 4 and 5, L. Fales, bal. due on house,	1,343 11
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	\$5,162 00

STREET LAMPS.

H. A. Smith, old contract,	\$38 70
“ taking down old lamps,	2 50
Globe Gas Light Co., Boston,	422 13
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	\$463 33

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

C. H. Cooper, work prior to March 14, 1882,	\$3 47
J. W. Thomas, “ “ “	4 65
I. T. Burnham, “ “ “	2 25
A. T. Doolittle, “ “ “	3 00
C. A. Mason, “ “ “	3 75
C. E. Barrett, per order H. F. Horton, Agt.,	36 00
S. E. Liscom, “ “ “	14 55
W. W. Streeter, “ “ “	15 96
F. B. Chandler, “ “ “	25 08
C. H. Thomas, “ “ “	4 50
Wm. B. Adams, “ “ “	10 44
L. W. Brockway, “ “ “	10 00
T. F. Dix, “ “ “	2 25

H. F. Horton, ag't,	\$344 90
L. A. Parks as per report,	957 15
Total amount paid out,	<u>\$1437 95</u>

SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE OF TOWN PAUPERS.

Edwin E. Clark,	49 87
Julia M. Spencer,	131 71
Eliza Burroughs,	78 75
Eli Elmore,	106 10
Cyrena Doolittle,	50 00
Austin Dickerman,	26 29
	<u>\$442 72</u>

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Morris Cunningham,	\$10 50
Charles Barrett,	17 00
Burton W. Leonard,	21 00
Charles E. Bartlett, family,	141 04
Eight Tramps,	8 95
Lawrence Currier,	9 37
Edward Sawtell, family,	79 11
Carter “	37 25
Walter E. Porter,	31 03
Sarah T. Martin,	11 25
John La Bounty, “	79 65
	<u>\$446 15</u>

LIBRARY.

W. S. Leonard, books,	\$10 88
C. P. Hall, History 14th N. H., Vols.	2 00
H. E. Hunter, books,	18 35
C. J. Amadon, “	2 00
A. E. Stearns, librarian,	50 00
	<u>\$83 23</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Leonard & Henry, printing,	\$3 00
C. Fitzgerald, for hose and other expenses,	500 56
L. C. Lyman, repairing engine pole,	2 50
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	\$506 06

TOWN OFFICERS.

Warren S. Barrows, selectman,	\$125 00
George P. Hooker, “	75 00
Prentiss W. Taylor, “	65 00
“ “ Overseer of poor,	25 00
George P. Wellington, collector,	100 50
George W. Holland, treasurer,	25 00
C. S. Fay, town clerk,	50 00
M. C. Dix, sup't schools,	\$25 33
“ “ high schools,	8 00
H. H. Hamilton, sup't schools,	25 34
“ “ “ high schools,	8 00
S. G. Abbott, “ schools,	25 33
“ “ “ high schools,	8 00 100 00
E. A. Warden, police officer,	20 00
Arad Gilbert, “ “	30 00
“ “ truant “	10 00
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	\$625 50

TAXES ABATED.

Arthur E. Akely, school tax illegally assessed,	\$ 57
Arthur Atwood, “ “ “	57
Albert Ashcroft, poll tax “ “	1 65
Joseph J. La Mountin, poll tax illegally assessed,	1 65
Jay Minot, “ “ “	1 65
Thomas Pratt, “ “ “	2 22
John Tebo, “ “ “	1 65
Morey Tebo, “ “ “	1 65
Nelson Wood, “ “ “	1 65

Otis Packard, poll tax illegally assessed,	\$1 65
Arthur J. Brooks,	2 22
Nathaniel Chandler,	1 65
Edwin A. Clark,	1 65
John La Bounty,	1 65
Charles Morey,	1 65
John Morey,	2 22
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	\$25 95

TAXES SUSPENDED.

Walter D. Blanchard,	1 65
Harriet Bartlett,	26 70
John G. Bennett,	1 26
Edward Barrett,	2 22
Earnest A. Doolittle,	1 65
Frank Dutton,	2 22
Charles Davis,	2 22
James Fitzgerald,	1 65
Charles E. Frary,	2 22
Walter Franklin,	1 65
Simon Frapier,	2 22
Daniel H. Maynard,	2 65
William Moore,	1 65
Thomas McCobb,	1 65
Alsed Porey,	2 65
Charles Poter,	1 65
George H. Poter,	2 22
Lewis C. Russell,	2 22
Charles Russell,	1 65
Dan C. Rogers,	1 65
Charles Smith, Jr.,	1 65
John Sanderson,	2 22
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	\$67 52

RECAPITULATIONS.

Ordinary town charges,	\$8,466 98
Schools, individuals, and school-house,	5,162 00
Street lamps,	463 33
Highways,	1,437 95
Town Paupers,	442 72
County “	446 15
Fire department,	506 06
Town library,	83 23
Town officers,	625 50
Taxes abated,	25 95
“ suspended,	67 52
Cash in treasury,	4,549 88
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	\$22,277 27

OUTSTANDING CLAIMS AGAINST THE TOWN.

Due dog money, 1882,	\$ 71 00
School district No. 9,	258 19
“ “ 6,	196 78
Literary fund, 1882.	196 88
Fire department, amount raised for reservoirs,	600 00
For engine house,	1,800 00
Bonded debt of town on town hall,	24,000 00
Ministerial fund money deposited in Hinsdale savings bank,	222 00
Interest on same,	35 53
Library,	324 83
On lot in cemetery,	15 00
Fire department account hose, etc., not expended,	373 07
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	\$28,093 28

ASSETS OF THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1883.

Due from county :	
Charles C. Bartlett's family,	\$141 04
Edward Sawtell's “	43 38

Morris Cunningham family,	\$ 2 00	
Carter	19 25	
John La Bounty	58 42	
Burton W. Leonard,	3 00	
Lawrence Currier,	9 37	
Sarah T. Martin,	8 75	
Eight tramps,	8 95	294 16
Hinsdale savings bank,		257 53
Savings bank fund, 1878-'79-'80-'81-'82,	4,933 78	
Rents from Henry J. Knapp,	18 97	
State bounty on crows,	4 80	
Cash in treasury,	4,549 88	
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		\$10,059 12
Liabilities,	\$28,093 28	
Assets,	10,059 12	
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Total indebtedness of town March 1, 1883, \$18,034 16

We recommend to the town to raise for current expenses the year ensuing in addition to the amount required to raise by law :

Town charges,	\$1,200 00
Common schools,	500 00
High schools,	1,500 00
Highways,	1,300 00
Claying and hardening roads,	200 00
Lighting street lamps,	550 00
Interest on town bonds,	1200 00
Town library,	300 00
Support of the poor,	500 00

All the above reports we respectfully submit.

WARREN S. BARROWS,

GEORGE P. HOOKER,

PRENTISS W. TAYLOR,

Selectmen of Hinsdale.

SCHOOL REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Fellow Townsmen, Parents and Guardians:—

In accordance with our usual custom and the laws of the State, your committee respectfully present for your consideration their Annual Report of the common schools of the town for the past year, with such suggestions for the future good of our educational interests as, in our official capacity, we deem to be necessary :

No. 1.—RIVER DISTRICT.

S. T. Yeaw, prudential committee. Miss Chloe E. Potter, teacher first term ; Miss Mary A. Spencer, teacher second and third terms.

FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks 11, No. of scholars 19, average attendance 16.8, No. of visits 4, wages per month \$23.

SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks 10, No. of scholars 17, average attendance 15.9, No. of visits 21, wages per month \$21 20.

THIRD TERM.

No. of weeks 9, No. of scholars 18, average attendance 13.6, No. of visits 12, wages per month \$23.80.

ROLL OF HONOR.—First term, Anna J. Liscom ; second and third terms, Walter Burnham.

No. 2.—ASH SWAMP.

John W. Thomas, prudential committee. Miss Laura A. Butler, teacher first term ; Miss Carrie E. Elhner, teacher second or last term.

FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks 9, No. of scholars 12, average attendance 11,
No. of visits 8, wages per month, \$16.

SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks 12, No. of scholars 17, average attendance 11,
No. of visits 8, wages per month \$14 60.

ROLL OF HONOR.—First term, Jennie E. Butler; second term,
Mary M. Thomas, Gracia B. Thomas and Fred E. Newcomb.

No. 3.—CHESTNUT HILL.

C. A. Mason, prudential committee. Miss E. A. Sawyer,
teacher for the year.

FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks 10, No. of scholars 15, average attendance 14.3,
No. of visits 31, wages per month \$23.

SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks 8, No. of scholars 15, average attendance 14.5,
No. of visits 20, wages per month \$23.

ROLL OF HONOR.—First term, Walter Barrett, Alice Barrett,
Sarah Blanchard; second term, Susan Blanchard, Edward Blan-
chard, Ida Barrett, Bessie Mason, Frank Mason; for the year,
Edna Howe.

No. 6.—SOUTH DISTRICT.

There has been no school in this district during the past
year. The reasons are obvious: The pupils are few in num-
ber, and some of these, availing themselves of the privilege
offered, are well accommodated in the graded school. By this
reduction there is left a small minority who have been without
schooling for the entire year. One other reason, and perhaps
the greatest, is that the school-house has become totally unfit
for its purpose, necessitating a new building, as money expended
in repairing the present unsightly incumbrance would not be in
the interests of economy. In view of these facts your com-
mittee would respectfully suggest that measures be immediately
taken to unite with Union district for school purposes, if not

for a more permanent organization, to the end that *all* pupils of the district may have the same advantages to acquire a common school education.

No. 7.—PLAIN DISTRICT.

Nelson Richardson, prudential committee. Miss Laura A. Hartwell, teacher first term ; Miss Etta A. Sawyer, teacher second term.

FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks 9, No. of scholars 27, average attendance 24, No. of visits 29, wages per month \$16.

SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks 8, No. of scholars 24, average attendance 22.1, No. of visits 23, wages per month \$22.

ROLL OF HONOR.—First term, Grace Darling, Cora Tomb, Sidney Darling, Guy Darling, Edward Tomb ; second term, Minnie Streeter, Julia Streeter, David Crowninshield ; for the year, Emma Barrett, Grant Barrett, Fred Darling, Louis Roeder, George Streeter, Nelson Richardson.

No. 9.—ADAMS DISTRICT.

George P. Slate, prudential committee. Miss Augusta A. Doolittle, teacher for the year.

FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks 11, No. of scholars 11, average attendance 10.9, No. of visits 19, wages per month \$20.

SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks 11, No. of scholars 11, average attendance 10.4, No. of visits 9, wages per month \$22.

THIRD TERM.

No. of weeks 10, No. of scholars 11, average attendance 9.7, No. of visits 12, wages per month \$23.

ROLL OF HONOR.—First term, Charlotte S. Slate, Minnie E. Burroughs ; second term none ; third term, Charlotte S. Slate, Olive W. Adams.

UNION AND No. 8.—GRADED SCHOOL.

C. S. Fay, Lemuel Fales, H. M. Jones, prudential committee.

BRATTLEBORO STREET PRIMARY.

Miss Marion L. Eggleston, teacher for the year.

FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks 11, No. of scholars 56, average attendance 49,
No. of visits 9, wages per month \$28.

SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks 12, No. of scholars 48, average attendance 41,
No. of visits 23, wages per month \$28.

THIRD TERM.

No. of weeks 10, No. of scholars 44, average attendance 36,
No. of visits 19, wages per month \$28.

ROLL OF HONOR.—First term Edward Bailey, Fred Barrett, Frank Conway, Harry Smith, Egeria Vigneaux, Mary L. Hall, Lena Knapp, Jennie Maynard, Maggie Welch, Rosanna Vigneaux; second term, Patrick Conway, Henry King, Charles Mann, Daniel Purcell, Emma Gates, Nellie Parideux; third term, Patrick Conway, Willie Conway, Henry King, Charles Mann, Paul Mann, James Snow, Annie Conway, Lena Knapp; for the year, Gertie Leach, Victoria Parideux.

UPPER BRIDGE STREET PRIMARY.

Miss Lottie A. Bowker, teacher for the year.

FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks 11, No. of scholars 49, average attendance 43,
No. of visits 48, wages per month \$28.

SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks 12, No. of scholars 50, average attendance 43.6,
No. of visits 77, wages per month \$28.

THIRD TERM.

No. of weeks 10, No. of scholars 46, average attendance 41,
No. of visits 73, wages per month \$28.

ROLL OF HONOR.—First term, Annie Ploude, Minnie Knapp, Ella Gilmore, Mary Young, Georgie Henry, Georgie Day, Patsey Leahy, Robert McCaughern, Charles Leonard, Leon Hale, Noel Martin, Fred Dupey, Clarence Frary; second term, Minnie Knapp, Grace Robertson, William Thayer, Clifford A. Royce, Leon Hale, Clarence Frary, Frank Archibald, Louis Babbitt, Albert Dennison, Frank Dickerman, George Robertson, William Redding, Charles Hunter; third term, Grace Robertson, Lillian Knapp, Nellie Lyman, Edna Major, Jessie Babbitt, Lucy Smith, Lizzie Scott, Frank Dickerman, Louis Dickerman, Albert Dennison, George Robertson, Archille Major, William Bent, Frank Archibald, Walter Major; for the year, Pauline Fiske, Jennie McGinnis, Minnie McGinnis, Leon Cutler, John McCaughern.

BRATTLEBORO STREET SECONDARY.

Miss Mary A. Freeman, teacher for the year.

FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks 11, No. of scholars 39, average attendance 37, No. of visits 12, wages per month \$28.

SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks 12, No. of scholars 40, average attendance 36, No. of visits 19, wages per month \$28.

THIRD TERM.

No. of weeks 10, No. of scholars 36, average attendance 34, No. of visits 21, wages per month \$28.

ROLL OF HONOR.—First term, Clarence N. Bacon, Harry E. Clark, Willie Fales, George Vaille, Merrill Wilder, Mary A. Corless, Orrissia M. Howe, Annie L. Smith; second term, Fred Barrett, John Mullin, Burton S. Perry, Nellie Donovan, Angie Gates, Mary L. Hall, Maud Lamson, Sarah J. Pearson, Maggie Welch; third term, Fred Barrett, John Mullin, Frank J. Conway, Patrick Mann, Tressie Corless, Nellie Donovan, Mary L. Hall, Maud Lamson, Mary Purcell, Mary Phelan, Maggie Welch; for the year, Eugene Britton, Ruth Bacon, Una M. Leach.

UPPER BRIDGE STREET SECONDARY.

Miss Luella M. Sawyer, teacher for the year.

FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks 11, No. of scholars 37, average attendance 30,
No. of visits 19, wages per month \$28.

SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks 11.8, No. of scholars 31, average attendance
25.18, No. of visits 29, wages per month \$28.

THIRD TERM.

No. of weeks 10, No. of scholars 32, average attendance 25.6,
No. of visits 31, wages per month \$28.

ROLL OF HONOR.—First term, Burton Perry, Joseph Young, Addie Gilmore, Lena Knapp, Stella Knapp; second term, Robert McCaughern, Lena Dennison, Lena Knapp, Stella Knapp, Maude Lewis, Cora Savage; third term, Robert McCaughern, Lotie Newcomb, Charles Leonard; for the year, Eugene Cutler, Daniel McCaughern.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

Miss Lucy F. Westgate, teacher for the year.

FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks 11, No. of scholars 45, average attendance 40,
No. of visits 20, wages per month \$36.

SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks 11.8, No. of scholars 59, average attendance 44,
No. of visits 27, wages per month \$36.

THIRD TERM.

No. of weeks 10, No. of scholars 54, average attendance 48,
No. of visits 21, wages per month \$40.

ROLL OF HONOR.—First term, Abbie S. Franklin, Ida L. Polly, Ernest Dupey, Clesson Spencer, Willis Stearns; second term, Mary Corless, Mabel Barrett, Mabel Hunter, Mabel Merriman, Alice Marble, Ida Polly, Clarence Bacon, Fred Colton, Willie Howe, Walter Savage, Walter Saben, Lilla Britton; third term, Kate Corless, Mabel Barrett, Esther Crowninshield, Minnie Donohoe, Jennie Graney, Bessie Mason, Annie Smith, Clarence Bacon, Thomas Conway, Thomas Donohoe, Fred Colton, Frank Mason, Clesson Spencer; for the year, Fred Davis.

ATTENDANCE UPON EACH STUDY.

No. 1.—Reading 19, spelling 19, writing 7, arithmetic 15, grammar 4, book-keeping 1, geography 11.

No. 2.—Reading 17, spelling 17, writing 7, arithmetic 9, geography 8, grammar 2.

No. 3.—Reading 15, spelling 15, writing 12, arithmetic 13, geography 12, grammar 1.

No. 7.—Reading 27, spelling 27, writing 12, arithmetic 18, geography 14, grammar 8.

No. 9.—Reading 11, spelling 11, writing 6, geography 7, arithmetic 7.

GRADED SCHOOL.

BRATTLEBORO STREET PRIMARY.

Reading 56, spelling 56, writing 34, arithmetic 34, geography 32.

UPPER BRIDGE STREET PRIMARY.

Reading 50, spelling 50, writing 22, arithmetic 17, geography 17.

BRATTLEBORO STREET SECONDARY.

Reading 40, spelling 40, writing 40, arithmetic 40, geography 40.

UPPER BRIDGE STREET SECONDARY.

Reading 37, spelling 37, writing 28, geography 36, arithmetic 37.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

Reading 59, spelling 59, writing 59, geography 59, arithmetic 59, grammar 59.

WHOLE NO. SCHOLARS AND NON-ATTENDANCE.

In consequence of a misunderstanding between the select-

men and the superintending school committee in regard to the school laws relating to the enumeration of children, we are unable to report the number of children in town of school age, etc., April 1st, 1883. The number who have not attended school during the year the required number of weeks, as gathered from the registers, is 13.

TEACHERS.

Your committee are happy in being able to make no exceptions in their commendation of the teachers. They have all exhibited a competency for their calling which forbids adverse criticism and certainly invidious comparisons. They have devoted themselves to their work with an energy worthy of all praise, and evinced a commendable ambition by study and experience to perfect themselves in their art. Those of them who have had limited practice in teaching have evinced natural qualifications which need only to be supplemented by further experience to render them first class educators.

THE TEACHER'S WORK.

The calling of a teacher is no sinecure. It is an erroneous impression of many that the teacher's task is an easy one. The fact is well established by the personal experience, careful observation and universal testimony of educators that no calling of life makes such a draught upon mind and body, brain and nerve, temper and heart, as teaching. The exigencies constantly arising in government and instruction keep the mind of the teacher in a state of continuous and severe tension, and it is morally certain that but for liberal vacations neither body nor mind could long endure the strain. No class of workers for the public good better deserve the sympathy, charity and co-operation of all classes of citizens.

TEACHER'S COMPENSATION.

It is but simple justice that those who are so largely instrumental in moulding the character of the rising generation should be liberally compensated for their services. It is impossible to secure and retain the best talent without a scale of salaries which will meet the demands of the times. It is in vain

to plead what ought and what ought not to be. We have to deal with facts, and the stubborn fact is that talent will go where it is most liberally compensated. If we have now in our schools teachers of the best talent it will soon be discovered by those who are willing to pay a more liberal salary and they will go, and we shall be obliged to supply their places with those of less experience who will, in due time and for the same reason, be demanded elsewhere. Such a policy is anything but promotive to that success of our schools which will promise the highest standard of education.

Your committee believe it is true economy to secure the very best talent, paying for it so liberally that the temptation to change will be removed, and thus permanency be secured.

Your committee beg leave in this connection to offer a few remarks upon the

QUALIFICATIONS OF TEACHERS.

These qualifications may be divided into two classes, viz.: *natural* and *acquired*. Neither, alone, can be successful.

There must be knowledge to impart and ability to impart it. Knowledge may be acquired from books and other sources, but the ability to impart it is a gift of nature, capable, indeed, of improvement, but not to be, to any desirable extent, acquired. Of these natural gifts *common sense* takes the lead—a just estimate of the most common things, the sagacity readily to perceive what is demanded and what will meet the demand. This faculty will develop itself in an aptness to read human nature and detect the different types of mind; in a versatility of talent and expedients to awaken thought and enlist the interest of all classes, and in a facility for employing such measures as will govern and instruct with comparative ease. A dolt may ask the stereotyped questions in the text-books and secure correct verbal answers, but this alone, in a majority of cases, will produce only fossilized scholars, fitted to a grove in which they may, possibly, run very smoothly, but who will never be qualified to meet the exigencies of practical life.

There are many minds so sluggish or so peculiarly constituted that they can never be awakened by the routine of text-

text books, but whose latent powers would respond readily to the same lessons drawn from familiar objects of nature or providence.

The writer once asked a school who were drawling along in a lesson on the geography of Vermont if they ever saw the Green Mountains. Not a hand was raised. "Would you like to see them?" Every hand was up and the fire began to be kindled. "Stand, then, and look out of the windows." All were instantly on their feet. "These are the Green Mountains all around you." The enthusiasm was intense and geography to these children was no longer a bore.

Couple with this gift *intense earnestness* and you have the two grand natural qualifications of a successful teacher. By this is not meant great bodily exercise or boisterous language, but a positiveness, directness and enthusiasm which beams from the countenance and sparkles in the eye and sends an electric shock through all the school.

The scholars, in this respect, will be just what their teacher is. If the teacher is a drone the scholars will be drones; if the teacher is alive the scholars will be alive also.

Without these qualifications learning can never make a good teacher, and with such a deficiency one had better seek other fields for life's work than the school-room.

CO-OPERATION WITH TEACHERS.

Almost universally, so far as your committee are aware, parents and friends have generously and heartily co-operated with the teachers and committee in enforcing the rules and discipline of the schools, and in executing plans for their greatest usefulness, and where we have been called upon to adjudicate differences we have endeavored to the best of our judgments, without partiality, to consider the highest interest of the schools, the scholars, and the parents, according to the relative importance of their respective claims.

This is as it should be. Nothing can be more detrimental to the success of the schools than a conflict between parents and pupils on one side and teachers and officers on the other. Impartial justice and the spirit of conciliation will readily adjust

any of the mistakes and errors to which all parties are liable. The general interests of the schools should be the tie which binds all parties in harmonious action whatever the sacrifice to individuals and delinquents.

TOWN SYSTEM.

Your committee most earnestly recommend the substitution of the town system for the district system of schools, as conducive to the most ample privileges of the scholars and the greatest economy in finance. In the outlying districts the number of scholars is very small. One teacher could instruct a number of these schools, or even all of them if they could be brought together, as well as two, three, or five teachers can, and even better do justice to them. The system is less complicated than the present, and would save much labor and perplexity in the general oversight of the schools and be a saving of expense that will more than pay all the cost of transporting scholars to and from school if such service should be required.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Your committee are decidedly of the opinion that some change in this department is imperatively demanded. It is absolutely impossible for one teacher to do justice to so many pupils. Two plans are suggested for your consideration.

First, to employ two teachers, letting the entire school remain in the building now occupied. This would necessitate the finishing of the room now used as a play-room into a recitation room.

Second, to organize a new grammar school, embracing those who naturally belong to the union district, holding its sessions in the rooms now occupied by the high school. This would necessitate the provision of other quarters for the high school.

GENERAL PROGRESS.

As occasion for great encouragement to the committee and of congratulation to the parents, teachers, and pupils, we are able to say that marked progress has been made in all the schools in the various branches of study—quite as great as could reasonably be expected of the facilities employed.

The government of the schools has been uniformly of high order, and there have been but few cases of insubordination that required more than the ordinary discipline of the teachers.

The schools in the outlying districts would be very greatly benefited by better black-board facilities, wall maps, unabridged dictionaries, and globes. On the whole the schools of the town are in a condition of prosperity which must be gratifying to all who are interested in the education of the children.

M. C. DIX,

H. H. HAMILTON,

S. G. ABBOTT,

Supl'g School Committee.

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT.

The report of last year closed with the record of the second term, fourth year's work. The record, which follows, is upon the same general plan as that of the common schools.

The wages of teachers are found in the report of the agent, C. S. Fay.

C. P. Hall, principal; Miss Hattie C. Lyman, assistant, teachers for the year.

THIRD TERM—FOURTH YEAR.

No. of weeks 12, No. of scholars 52, average daily attendance 46, No. of visits 26.

FIRST TERM—FIFTH YEAR.

No. of weeks 11.9, No of scholars 55, average daily attendance 52.3, No. of visits 28.

SECOND TERM—FIFTH YEAR.

No. of weeks 12, No. of scholars 54, average daily attendance 51.6, No. of visits 61.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Third term, fourth year, Lizzie Atwood, Jessie M. Bardwell, Gertrude S. Saben, Jennie E. Worden, Jason W. Crowninshield; first term, fifth year, Jessie M. Bardwell, Hattie M. Fales, Flora E. Freeman, Daisy E. Leonard, Alice M. Roberts, Ella A. Snow, Alice M. Spencer, Nellie A. Wright, Edward K. Hall, George M. Perry, William E. Reed, Walter L. Todd; second term, fifth year, Hattie M. Fales, Rest A. Higgins, Alice M. Roberts, Julia A. Smith, Alice M. Spencer, Jennie E. Worden, Frank W. Bailey, Edward K. Hall, George M. Perry; for the three terms, Maggie L. Fitzgerald, Annie M. Mitchell.

The report of Principal Hall is as follows :

To the Superintending School Committee :

GENTLEMEN: I submit the following report of the high school for the year just closing.

Having the same assistant as last year, the work of the school has moved on with very little change.

The number who have been neither absent nor tardy is smaller than it was last year. - While a good number of our pupils have made an excellent record for promptness and regularity of attendance, a few have made one which is not creditable to themselves or their parents.

The following are the names of those who graduated last June: Lizzie M. Atwood, Lou S. Bascom, Minnie A. Bascom, Ida M. Buckley, Fannie M. Coombs, Gertie S. Saben, Mary A. Spencer, Fred E. Wellington.

Gertie Saben was not tardy during her whole four years' course.

This class being the first graduated, their average age was greater than that of the present class, and probably greater than that of the classes which will follow.

I desire to call your attention to the desirability of having music taught in our schools, beginning in the lower grades and continuing through the high school. We have fewer singers among our boys and girls than can be found in many a country town where the old-fashioned singing school has still a place during the winter evenings. Where music has been taught in the public schools very satisfactory results have been reached, even when the teachers were not singers.

I have received and expended money, as follows :

Balance on hand last year,	\$36 36	
Contributions for graduation expenses,	27 50	
Balance from lecture fund,	3 80	
	<hr/>	\$67 66

EXPENDITURES.

Chemicals and chemical apparatus,	\$23 85
Physical apparatus.	1 00

Cyclopædia of history,	\$7 35	
Shaw's English Literature,	1 75	
Gilman's " "	75	
Franklin Square song collection,	40	
Framing pictures,	4 00	
Graduation expenses,	24 50	
Express on coral,	1 20	
	<hr/>	\$64 80
Balance,		<hr/> \$2 86

Johnson's general atlas has been added to our reference library, and a new table for chemical experiments been put in. A fine portrait of Longfellow and chromo of his home presented by Dr. M. C. Dix, are framed and adorn the school-room. We have also received a collection of bottles for chemicals from Dr. Dix; various Indian relics and the antlers of a deer from Jason Crowninshield; collection of quartz, crystals and other minerals from Chas. W. Clark; and from Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Allis, New York city, agates, amethysts, and a specimen of the famous pipe clay from Lake Superior, together with a rare collection of coral, sponges and stalactites from the Bermudas. Our cases are already overfull, but we trust that the friends of the school, who wish to put rare specimens and curiosities "where they will do the most good," will not forget us.

Very respectfully yours,

C. P. HALL,

Principal High School.

SUCCESSFUL RESULTS.

There has been excellent work done in the high school during the past year. The advantages of having a permanent assistant are very evident. There is a gradual and satisfactory improvement in order, attention to work, and in general scholarship. The good results of the school are seen in its power to elevate and perfect the character of its pupils, and in its tendency to elevate society. That it is doing an invaluable work for those who improve its privileges, we have but to mention the public exercises of the first graduating class. Your com-

mittee are unanimous in the opinion that they never have witnessed superior, if as good, exercises by any graduating class in schools of equal grade. We take great pleasure in speaking of *results*, as they *prove* the superior work done in the school.

GENERAL REMARKS.

CHARACTER.

It is often said, and with truth, that "knowledge is power," yet knowledge without principle to regulate it, *may* be a *power for evil*. It is very important that our youth should early receive such moral training as shall make it safe to give them knowledge. The teacher, by precept and example, should *teach* morals. Parents should enforce upon their children the necessity of a good character. Officers of our schools are justified in demanding of the pupils a strict observance of all principles of morality. This is necessary for the individual good of the pupil, his influence upon other pupils, and upon society in after life. Each child has a conscience which should be so enlightened and educated that it will rightly direct him. Let the teacher appeal as often as may be to the pupil's conscience. In many ways this can be done, and it is a duty which he owes to those under his charge.

Education in its broadest sense is the development of the whole being. It comprehends the development of the physical, mental, and moral natures. By so much as either one is neglected, by so much is there a great deficiency.

On the part of the student there should be great effort to establish a good character. It requires but little observation to be convinced that they who are controlled by right principles, and live worthy lives have the highest success, and will, in the end, be the most efficient. Wealth without a good name is of but little value. The wise man gives a true proverb for all time—"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches." Position without a good reputation is not to be desired. A good education even, is of little account without character.

Early life is the time to lay the foundations of a good character. Let the pupil, therefore, be honest with his associates,

teachers, officers and parents. Deception practiced in youth may become the rule of action for the whole life. Let him cultivate purity of thought and life, and the obscene jest will never poison his breath. He should rigidly abstain from all profanity. The blasphemous oath should never pollute his tongue.

He should also be courteous to all. True politeness is expected of our youth, and it is a virtue that will be of value. Be courteous to others and, as a rule, they will be to you. It is not necessary to say there are many temptations in the world. They who resist them most begin early. To yield to them is very dangerous. They who are successful in resisting them, who establish a good character and secure a good education will find positions of usefulness and success. Spheres of usefulness are now open to them. They are indeed wanted.

M. C. DIX,

H. H. HAMILTON,

S. G. ABBOTT,

High School Committee.

REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL AGENT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

1882.	Cash on hand,	\$66 98	
1883.	Received of the town,	1500 00	
		<hr/>	\$1566 98
1882.			
June.	Paid for diplomas,	\$15 14	
Aug. 28.	" G. S. Howe for towels,	50	
Sept. 15.	" Hunter & Co., bill,	4 80	
	18. " for rent of rooms,	150 00	
Dec 29.	" C. P. Hall, for ink,	3 35	
1883.			
Feb. 26.	" Hunter & Co., bill,	1 82	
Mar. 3.	" C. P. Hall,	1000 00	
	3. " Hattie C. Lyman,	206 00	
	" for Johnson's Atlas,	22 50	
	" for care of school rooms,	10 00	
		<hr/>	\$1514 11
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	Cash on hand,		\$52 37
	Respectfully submitted.		

C. S. FAY, *Agent.*

REPORT OF TOWN LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The library committee respectfully submit the following :

The town library has never been more prosperous since its organization than during the past year. The number of books issued by the librarian has been larger than ever before, and never since the establishment of our free library has there seemed to be so wide-spread an interest on the part of our young people, especially in books and culture. The books have generally been carefully used by patrons of the library, and very few lost or destroyed. It has been noticed with pleasure that books on scientific subjects and books pertaining to history and biography have been more sought for during the past year, and that there has been less care for works of fiction.

As will be seen by the statement below there will be quite a sum of money to be expended in the purchase of new books, and just here your committee desire to make a suggestion. There are many books pertaining to special subjects, such as science, architecture, and the like, also historical and biographical works which it is desirable to purchase. It is impossible to make selections that will meet the wishes and requirements of all our citizens, and your committee would consider it a favor if any person or persons having in mind books not now in the library pertaining to any particular subject, whether scientific, historical, or biographical, would make a list of these and send it to the committee. In this way only can the wants and needs of all the patrons of our library be satisfactorily supplied. Below will be found a statement of the financial condition :

Balance unexpended last year,	\$94 61	
Appropriated last year,	300 00	
Received for catalogues and fines,	13 45	
	<hr/>	\$408 06

EXPENDITURES.

Miss A. E. Stearns, librarian,	\$50 00	
Hunter & Co., magazines,	18 35	
W. S. Leonard, books purchased,	10 88	
C. P. Hall, History of 14th Regiment,	2 00	
C. J. Amidon, Granite Monthly,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$83 23
Balance on hand,		\$324 83

This sum, with the annual appropriation of \$300, which will soon be available, will enable the committee to add largely to the number of volumes in our library the coming year.

C. J. AMIDON,
G. S. WILDER,
W. S. LEONARD,

Library Committee.

Amount received for fines and catalogues, \$13 45.

During the year 265 persons have drawn books from the library.

A few books have been added this year, including Mrs. Lamb's history of New York city, History of the 14th N. H. Regiment, and the History of Chesterfield presented by C. J. Amidon.

A. M. STEARNS, *Librarian.*

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT.

To the Selectmen of the town of Hinsdale:

Report of L. A. Parks, road agent for town for year ending March 1st, 1883.

May 9, 1882, Paid B. A. Clark for 513½ feet tiling,	\$97 33
“ “ “ Warren Spencer for 2304 feet poles for railing,	69 12
“ “ Russell Briggs for 39½ days’ work, one man,	\$58 63
“ 39 d’s work man and team,	117 00
“ 500 brick,	3 50
	————— \$179 13
“ John Corliss 18 ds 4 hs work and cleaning ditches,	29 08
“ D. W. Stearns, work on bridges and timber,	23 50
“ Norman Howe, Chesterfield road 45 1-2 ds work, \$1 50,	68 25
22 1-2 ds with team,	77 50
	————— \$145 75
“ John Pollard, grate pattern,	4 00
“ James Scott, 4 ds work,	6 00
“ Gilbert A. Dix, 1 day’s work,	1 50
“ C. D. Merriman, grate castings 399 lbs a 3½ cts.,	13 96
“ George A. Wheeler, 17¼ ds work,	25 80
“ James Mullen, 2¾ ds work,	4 05
“ P. W. Taylor, 13 ds and team,	39 00
“ “ “ Drawing tile,	9 20
“ “ “ “ gravel,	3 00
	————— \$51 20

"	Dennis Mahoney, 50 1-6 ds work,	\$75 27
"	A. L. Perham, 1 day,	1 25
"	For hewing stringers for bridges,	50
"	W. E. Fay, 8 ds work and team,	\$24 00
"	" " " 3 hs work,	1 20
		<hr/> \$25 20
"	William Smith, 4 days work,	6 00
"	L. A. Parks, 42 days work,	84 00
"	" " 6 days with team,	18 00
"	James Shattuck, breaking road,	2 00
"	Two men breaking road,	2 00
"	A. Doolittle, " "	1 00
"	W. Winkler 2½ ds,	\$3 75
"	" " with team ½ day,	1 50
		<hr/> \$5 25
"	For snowing bridges,	10 00
"	" 200 loads of dirt,	12 00
"	" Breaking road,	50
"	O. S. Higgins 1 day with team,	3 00
"	Ansel Dickenson, plank,	60 76
		<hr/> \$957 15

The above with vouchers respectfully submitted.

Hinsdale, March 1st, 1883.

L. A. PARKS.

REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

The board of engineers of the Hinsdale fire department respectfully submit the following report :

There has been but one alarm of fire during the year, which occurred on the twenty-fifth of March, 1882, caused by children setting fire to a barn on the Duffy place (so called) and owned by Edward Stebbins. Very slight damage was sustained.

Seventy-six men were appointed as engine and hose men for the year. Two resigned, leaving seventy four to draw pay.

We herewith render an account of receipts and expenditures for the past year:

Paid 74 firemen salary \$3 00 each,	\$222 00
“ For 500 feet linen hose,	223 20
“ “ 1 doz. spanners,	5 40
“ “ Anvil, wrench, and key,	4 50
“ “ Freight on above,	91
“ “ 25 belts for hose men,	18 75
“ “ Express on the same,	75
“ “ Printing posters,	3 00
“ “ 81 hours' work,	20 25
“ “ Oil, L. A. Lamson,	2 75
“ “ Book, C. S. Farr,	75
“ “ Cleaning engine,	30
“ “ Moving snow,	1 00
“ “ Fixing pole for engine,	2 50
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Total for the year.	\$506 06

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By sale of old leather hose,	\$35 00
“ “ “ Rubber “	6 60
“ “ “ Brass,	10 00
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	\$51 60

P. FITZGERALD, *Chief Engineer.*

GEO. W. LEWIS,

C. D. MERRIMAN,

A. S. BACON,

W. D. FERRIN,

Assistant Engineers.

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